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❖ NORTH TOWN

Probe into Arcata PD shooting

Paul Mann

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Three concurrent investigations of the officer-involved shooting on Tuesday, May 17 will culminate in a District Attorney's finding whether the actions of two Arcata policemen were legally justified.



Joshua Adelynia Hoffman

Police Chief Thomas Chapman estimates the combined probes will take at least two weeks, perhaps longer, in connection with the wounding of Joshua Adelynia Hoffman, 26, of Garberville, formerly of Eureka. He suffered two gunshot wounds to the torso and one each to his right arm and right leg. Hoffman is out of intensive care and improving at a local hospital.

Anchoring the investigation is the Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), comprising law enforcement representatives from the office of District Attorney Maggie Fleming, the Sheriff's Office and the Eureka and Fortuna police departments.

In parallel, Chapman's department is conducting an administrative review of internal policies, procedures and training for "lessons learned" in the APD's first officer-involved shooting causing a death or injury since April 1, 1980.

The third probe is a liability investigation.

SHOOTING ❖ A5

Rains may boost oak killer

McKinleyville infestation in Mill Creek remains a mystery

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's winter and early spring rainfall could intensify the spread of the pathogen that causes Sudden Oak Death (SOD), but the outcome won't be known for another year or two. While new areas of SOD infection

were not identified in aerial surveys last year, the pathogen continues to spread in existing areas and it is uncertain that drought has had an effect due to Humboldt County's numerous, wet "microclimates."

The Mill Creek watershed in McKinleyville is one of them. Despite actively

investigating an SOD infection there, researchers have not been able to identify a source.

Phytophthora ramorum, the pathogen that causes SOD, thrives in moist conditions. While it is possible that drought has stunted its spread in some parts of California, ❖ A6



PORTUGUESE TRADITION The 99th annual celebration of the Holy Ghost, otherwise known as the Festa do Divino Espirito Santo, was held last weekend in Arcata. Top right, Mike Alves (wearing purple) helps pull the Virgin Mary statue during Sunday's procession. Top left and bottom, participants wore their Sunday best as they made their way to St. Mary's Church in the Arcata Bottom. The Portuguese Hall, left, is 100 years old this year. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

Debate reveals differences

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – The two candidates running for Third District supervisor squared off during a debate last week and highlighted their differences on issues ranging from marijuana to trains to industrial development on the Samoa Peninsula.

Candidates Uri Driscoll and Mike Wilson participated in a fast-paced debate sponsored by the *Mad River Union*, Lost Coast Outpost and KHUM on May 17 at the Manila Community Center. About 30 people filled the main

Candidates reveal their finances **A4**

hall as moderators Hank Sims and Ryan Burns of the Lost Coast Outpost asked questions, some from the sponsors and some submitted by the audience. They even had the candidates ask questions of each other.

Marijuana regs

The candidates were asked about Humboldt County's medical marijuana ordinance, which is an attempt by the county to

have growers get permits and become legitimate. But out of an estimated 8,000-plus grows in the county, only 50 have applied for permits. Candidates were asked what the point of having such an ordinance is if no one is going to follow it or enforce it. "I don't believe the premise about not enforcing it," Wilson responded. "I think it will be enforced, not just through the county, but really through the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and by the agencies that manage wildlife."

"They're actually gearing up to

DEBATE ❖ A4



MANILA INTERROGATION From left, Mike Wilson and Uri Driscoll listen as Ryan Burns asks a question at last week's debate. PHOTO BY ANDREW GOFF

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❖ TIMBER

Korbel sawmill to reopen in 2018

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KORBEL – A 132-year-old sawmill that closed down last year in Korbel has a new owner and is scheduled to be fully operational by early 2018.

In a joint press release issued last week, Green Diamond Resource Co. announced that it has reached an agreement with Trinity River Timber Co., which will purchase the mill from Green Diamond, which closed it down early last year. About 90 workers were employed at the mill at the time of its closure.

Green Diamond will sell Trinity River Timber all of the fixed sawmill assets. Green Diamond will lease the company the mill site, including associated log and lumber yards.

The sale, according to the press release, includes a log supply agreement between Green Diamond and Trinity River that will provide Douglas-fir logs from Green Diamond’s timberlands to the mill.

“We are very pleased that we are able to complete the sale of the Korbel sawmill to Trinity River. The mill is in close proximity to our timberlands and the sale insures [sic] these logs will be manufactured into lumber at a local mill,” said Green Diamond Senior Vice President Neal Ewald in the press release.

Trinity River plans to focus on milling small diameter Douglas fir logs. The Korbel mill will be Trinity River’s second sawmill in Northwestern California with the other sawmill located in Weaverville. The Weaverville sawmill was destroyed by fire in September, 2009, but was rebuilt and opened in 2011.

“The Korbel mill is a great addition,” said Trinity River President Frank Schmidbauer. “It is located in close proximity to timber supplies, and good transportation both east and south. The Korbel operation will be complementary to our Weaverville Sawmill and our sawmill in Eureka, Schmidbauer Lumber Inc.”

After modifications to the existing facilities the Korbel sawmill is expected to be operational by early 2018.

Fifth district supervisor Ryan Sundberg welcomed the news. “After losing two local sawmills in the last two years, this is great news. We’re glad to see reinvestment in our local timber infrastructure in Northern Humboldt County,” Sundberg stated.

It was announced earlier this year that Sierra Pacific Industries mill in Manila would close. The mill is no longer operational. Almost all of the logs and lumber have been removed and the facility is nearly shuttered.

Home again & brewing up a business

Iraq veterans launch Lost Coast Roast

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Former readers of the *McKinleyville Press* will remember two of these Miller cousins because their grandpa, Bud Miller, often shared photos and letters written while Johnny Miller and Dusty Miller served in Iraq.

Dusty was in the Army, eventually becoming a Green Beret. Johnny served with the National Guard.

“It was a different kind of war,” Bud Miller explained. “Instead of letters home like in World War II, they emailed me every other day.”

One day Dusty emailed his grandfather that his group was changing locations.

“I had a map of Iraq and I told him, ‘you’ll be really close to where your brother is.’ He told his captain and when they were doing patrols, he got dropped off at his brother’s camp. He woke Johnny up and they called me. That was a day!”

Now both brothers are back in the county where they grew up and are growing their incredible cold brew coffee business with their cousins.

“My cousin Luke was working on his master’s at HSU,” Dusty Miller said. “He wanted an organic alternative to the Starbucks coffee sold at HSU.”

So Luke, his brother Dylan, Johnny and Dusty started their own coffee company.

“Starbucks is ‘shelf-stable’, high acid and contains preservatives,” Dusty explained. “They refrigerate it in the store but it doesn’t have to be refrigerated.”

In contrast, the cold brew coffee made by Lost Coast Roast is perishable and must be refrigerated because its ingredients are simple: brewed organic fair trade coffee, filtered water,



BREW CREW From left, Tatiana Miller, Johnny Miller, Luke Miller and Dusty Miller.

Humboldt Creamery organic milk, organic cane sugar, and Himalayan salt.

The Original is an incredibly delicious blend. The new Vanilla Dulce is even yummier.

Cold brew coffee steeps 18 hours and according to the cousins “has a smoother flavor and is less acidic but is higher in caffeine.”

Hot coffee has a pH of around 4 and cold brew coffee has a pH of around 7.5.

The cousins started out with “a bucket and a spigot” but now are ready for big business with a well-thought-out layout in their South G Street facility complete with a pasteurizer, a bottling machine and walk-in refrigerator and freezer. They’ve been there since January.

And big business may be right around the corner for this company. Currently they bottle three times a week, delivering their coffee to both Co-ops, Wildberries Marketplace, all the Murphy’s Markets and stores in Willow Creek and Garberville. But they’ve just finalized a deal with a distributor that will deliver their coffee from Fresno to Reno.

They could be looking at bottling twice a day if all goes well. Are they ready?

Dusty grins and answers, “You bet.”

Here’s a local business that is doing everything just right: their coffee is shade grown and fair trade, roasted locally, the milk is organic and local, even their delivery boxes are made of recycled wood. And the coffee grounds “go to the Worm Guy.” Their beautiful label and van logo were done by a local artist, Shawn Griggs.

Visiting their plant and seeing their passion inspires admiration and pride. Here are four young men working as a family. You just want them to succeed!

Lost Coast Roast cold brew is gaining in popularity at local stores. “We’re selling the snot out of it,” exclaimed Nelson Fagundes, the manager at the Trinidad Murphy’s Market, his voice rising in excitement.

One place that coffee lovers can’t buy it? On the HSU campus. The Millers would love to see that change. After all, it’s where Luke got his inspiration.

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ARCATA COUNCIL

The Arcata City Council will hold a special budget study session **today, May 25** at 1 p.m. in the Arcata Council Chamber, 736 F St. in Arcata. The council will review department budgets.

MCKMAC The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) will discuss the replacement of the Hammond Bridge and a proposal to create more sidewalks on McKinleyville Avenue **today, May 25** at 6



what’s being called the McKinleyville Avenue Safe Routes to School Project. The County of Humboldt is seeking grant funding to replace the rusty bridge, which used to be a railroad trestle and is now a critical link connecting McKinleyville to the Arcata Bottom. Grants are also being sought for side-

walks on McKinleyville Avenue as well as connections to the nearby Mid-Town Trail. Also at tonight’s meeting, the McKMAC will review the Aviation Division’s Airport Layout Plan for the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport in McKinleyville. McKMAC meetings are open to the public; there is always time set aside for public input.

ARCATA FOREST COMMITTEE

The Arcata Forest Management Committee will take a field trip **Thursday, May 26** from noon to 5 p.m. The committee meets in the Arcata Council Chamber at 736 F St. in Arcata at noon, then will proceed to the Arcata Community Forest. The committee will review this year’s proposed timber harvest, discuss silviculture as it relates to the forest planning process and will discuss a strategy for revising the forest plan.

CANDIDATE FORUM AT SAMOA COOKHOUSE

Humboldt Bay Harbor Working Group (HBHWG) announces a candidate’s forum with Mike Wilson and Uri Driscoll, both candidates for Third District Supervisor. The two candidates will share their views on the Humboldt Bay harbor development. The presentation is scheduled for **today, May 25**, at Samoa Cookhouse in Samoa from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. with no-host lunch served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Short ribs is the main course for \$15 or you may chose soup of the day and salad for \$11. RSVP at (707) 441-1974 or luncheon@humboldtworkingport.org.

FROM THE LOCAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee is providing information and assistance to voters during the California primary season. Voters seeking the location of their polling place or information about Democratic endorsements are encouraged to call the Humboldt Democratic Headquarters at (707) 445-3366 or visit humboltdemocrats.org. The Democratic Headquarters will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist



LABOR UNION ENDORSES WILSON

AFSCME Local 1684 has announced its endorsement of Mike Wilson for the position of Third District Humboldt County Supervisor. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1684 is over 600 members strong with over 400 job classifications, representing public employees in Humboldt and Del Norte counties.

POLL WORKERS SOUGHT

The June 7 Presidential Primary Election is almost upon us and the Humboldt County Office of Elections is seeking Humboldt County registered voters who able to serve at a polling place on June 7. Poll workers can earn up to \$111 serving as a Clerk and \$116 serving as an Inspector. For more information, visit the Office of Elections’ website, humboldtgov.org/890/Elections-Voter-Registration

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GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, June 1 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Blding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets second & fourth Thursday	Thursday, May 26 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtbay.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, June 9 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, May 31 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	today, May 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	humboldtgov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, June 8 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html

Semore murder trial a sticky wicket

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION
EUREKA – The murder trial of Jonas Randall Semore, 42, is awash in meth addicts, no-show and late-show witnesses and conflicting and inconsistent accounts of what happened.

Semore is charged with killing David Ganfield, 36, of McKinleyville, with multiple blows to the head with a non-regulation baseball bat on the night of April 28, 2015. But the seven man/five woman jury has yet to learn whether it was Semore or his co-defendant, Nicholas Johnson, 24, who wielded the bat allegedly used in Ganfield’s murder. No other weapons were involved.

Semore was among five men who, according to Deputy District Attorney Roger Rees, swept into a Blue Lake flop house and drug den in April 2015 at 650 Chartin Way, just above the community roundabout.

They entered sometime between 11:15 p.m. and midnight.

Daniel Reynolds, owner of the house at the time and since evicted, testified he was getting out of an acquaintance’s car directly in front of the residence when he heard four pronounced “whacks” immediately following one another. He estimated the five men were inside for 25 seconds.

They fled through the front door, trying to squeeze through at the same time, “like cattle bunched up together,” Reynolds testified. They were making a mad dash for their respective cars.

Reynolds saw Johnson exit with the baseball bat in hand. But he only saw Semore going into the house, not coming out.

Reynolds testified that Semore returned to the residence at about 1 a.m., but said nothing about the confrontation with Ganfield.

Regarding what led to the murder, Reynolds, a meth user, told the jury that a week or two before it happened – or possibly five days before – Semore approached him with a set of exploratory questions.

“He wanted to know what Dave [Ganfield] had done to certain women.”

Reynolds volunteered an allegation, claiming that “Dave beat up on several women. One girl – I went to school with her mother – the mother was looking to have a little talk with Ganfield.

“Yes,” Reynolds answered a question, “I told the defendant that.”

Semore’s co-defendant, Nicholas Johnson, has a long criminal record, most recently in connection with a shootout with District Attorney investigators in the 3200 block of Pine Street in Eureka in late January of this year.

According to the Sheriff’s office, Johnson opened fire with an assault rifle, was shot by the investigators and underwent surgery suc-

cessfully.

Johnson also is charged with murdering Ganfield, who suffered massive head injuries from the four blows. He died of blunt force trauma at Mercy Hospital in Redding on April 30, 2015.

Other earwitnesses in the Chartin Way house, some of them tucked away in bedrooms, heard Ganfield’s groans under the blows and his moaning in pain afterward. But no one has claimed in court to have seen Semore himself mount the attack, although he was present.

Sarah Jones, who testified she has known Semore for 15 years, said she and the defendant left the Blue Lake Casino together the night of the murder. On the way to the Reynolds drug pad, Semore gave her a gun for “safekeeping,” which she put in the back of her slacks, she testified.

Jones claimed she did not see either Johnson or Ganfield that night but, just before she heard the sounds of the assault, Semore approached her with a warning.

“Jonas told me to go to my [bed] room and not to come out, to stay in there and watch his stuff,” meaning his gun.

Shortly, “I heard a commotion in the front room” and “I knew something bad had happened, just the way it sounded.”

Reynolds and another man, Jeremy Cringle, “came to my door,” Jones continued. “They were standing there and they said Dave Ganfield had been beaten up and he was going to die. I never saw David. But I thought it was him moaning.”

Another Chartin Way resident, Randy Cook, drove Ganfield to Mad River Community Hospital and, in the prosecutor’s words, “unceremoniously dropped him off.”

Under cross-examination by private defense attorney Russell Clanton, Jones admitted that she was under the influence while testifying. She had been using meth heavily for a year, she said, on a daily basis and sometimes on an hourly one.

“There were a lot of thefts” in the Blue Lake house, she said. “Everybody was getting loaded at some point and they were in and out of my room.”

Semore was picked up in mid-May last year by Eureka City Police, who had been informed by sheriff’s deputies that he was “a person of interest” in the Ganfield slaying. He was booked for homicide and bail was set at \$1 million.

Although Semore pleaded not guilty, Rees told the jury in his opening statement that the defendant informed two individuals, his uncle, Eric Harmon, and a woman named Jennifer Crook, that he believed he was “going to go to jail for a long time because of the Ganfield murder.”

Rees also charged that Semore confessed to a third individual, Rebecca Hamline, that he had beaten Ganfield with a baseball bat.



Jonas Randall Semore



SKATE-A-THON A fundraiser to replace the old skates at the Blue Lake Roller Rink was held Saturday. Participants included, from left, Gretchen Blixt, Jessi Allen Burton, Acacia O'Quinn and Sandra Levinson.

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❖ MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Arcata to improve bus stops

Jessie Faulkner
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA - City engineers laid out a plan May 18 for improving accessibility to several of Arcata’s bus stops serving Mad River Transit and Humboldt Transit Authority riders.

One of the most common improvements is the installation of “bulbouts,” localized extensions of the sidewalk making entry to the buses easier for those in wheelchairs.

Arcata City Engineer Doby Class said the process began in 2012 when Arcata city staff completed an audit of bus stops in its jurisdiction, primarily to evaluate their accessibility for all riders. A subcommittee of the Humboldt County Association of Governments completed a similar county-wide assessment in 2014. Arcata, Class said, accepted the subcommittee’s recommendations for improving its bus stops. The ongoing effort has put the city in a good position.

“In my opinion and theirs,” the city engineer said at the May 18 council meeting, “we’re well ahead of the curve.”

Work completed on October 2014 to improve bus stops in the Valley West and Valley East effort helped.

“It was a very successful project,” Class said.

The proposed bulbouts will allow for the recommended four feet behind the ramp landing to allow easier maneuvering to access the ramp, Class told the council.

“We’re meeting the minimum standard there,” he said. “The highest criteria is making them fully accessible.”

Extending the sidewalks is a way to make getting onto the bus for the disabled with relatively little cost, he said. But, it also requires making adjustments to stormwater drainage systems at the sites. The costs vary depending upon the location.

The current project includes improvements to 15 bus stops.

Class told the council the city will discuss with Mad River Community Hospital administrators the possibility of relocating the bus stop serving that location.

“I would really like to put a bus

turnout there,” Class said. With a higher volume of traffic and a higher probability of picking up passengers with disabilities, a complete turnout area would make for a safer stop, he said.

The project includes relocating the 12th and G streets bus stop to 13th and G streets, where the slope is better suited for a fully accessible bus stop. The move also requires seeking a right-of-way from AT&T, the city engineer said.

Class also discussed the challenges faced with the bus yard on West End Road near The Mill Yard.

One possibility, the city engineer said, is to put in a mid-block crossing and possibly examine alternative paths for getting bus riders to and from the bus stop to the industrial park.

Earlier in the meeting, the city council approved a resolution authorizing city staff to submit grant applications to the state Office of Emergency Services for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) funding to upgrade the bus stops. Doing so, he said, would provide more direct access to the hospital and adjacent doctors’ offices.

Bus stop work is already underway on 11th Street, F Street and in Sunny Brae, Class said. Plans are in place to improve the bus stop at 11th and K streets as well as the one adjacent to Greenview Market. A bulbout is also planned for the stop at 18th and G streets.

Future work may include updating a bus stop near Eastern Avenue in north Arcata.

“The city will be eligible to receive funding from Cal OES for ADA bus stop improvements in the amount of \$124,295,” according to the staff report.

Water plan

At last week’s meeting, the city council also unanimously passed a resolution to adopt the updated Urban Water Management Plan. The state of California requires municipalities to update those plans every five years. To remain eligible for grants or loans from the state Department and Water Resources and the state Water Resources Control Board, the city must approved the updated

plan.

The recently approved plan updates the city’s estimated daily per capital water use – 97 gallons per person per day – and addresses such new requirements as calculating water loss from the distribution system. Because the City of Arcata purchases its water from Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) many of the plan’s upgrades were made in coordination with that regional water provider. Among those were the updates to the water shortage contingency plan.

Arcata Environmental Compliance Officer Rachel Hernandez told the council the city incorporated the water shortage contingency plan updates prepared by HBMWD.

As to water losses in the distribution system, Arcata Deputy Director of Environmental Services Erik Lust said such losses are part of running a municipal water stems.

“It’s considered a normal part of operating a large system,” he said.

Some of the losses may be attributed to varying water pressure in different areas of the system. In areas of higher pressure, the tendency is to lose more water. Other losses come in such non-metered uses as flushing fire hydrants. Those amounts are estimated, recorded, but are not include in the Urban Water Management Plan, he said.

And sometimes staff must balance the costs involved in finding and fixing leaks. There are hundreds if not thousands of small leaks, Lust said. Finding and fixing all of those small leaks is not always cost-effective. Instead, focus is placed on finding and fixing the larger leaks.

In actuality, Arcata Environmental Services Director Mark Andre said, the recently updated Urban Water Management Plan shows a drop in the amount of water loss from figures included in the last plan approved five years ago.

“Our water system loss is less this time,” he said, “due to the work of the crew and staff finding and fixing those water losses. The trend line is good.”



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Third District Supervisorial candidates detail campaign donations & expenditures

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – In the race for Third District supervisor, candidate Mike Wilson has raised more than four times as much money and other contributions as his opponent, Uri Driscoll.

Campaign fundraising and expenditure reports filed with the Humboldt County Elections Division show that Wilson raised a total of \$30,478 between when the campaign began and April 23. Driscoll raised \$7,304 during the same period.

Wilson spent \$14,146 on his campaign, leaving him with \$6,949. Driscoll spent \$3,917 and had a balance of \$1,088.

The two candidates will face off June 7 for the seat now held by Mark Lovelace, who is not seeking re-election. The Third District includes the communities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Freshwater, Kneeland, Manila and a small portion of Eureka.

MIKE WILSON CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

- \$200 contribution to the PacOut Green Team
- \$243 to the *Times-Standard* for print ads
- \$800 to John Garland Graves for campaign consulting
- \$551 to Wrangletown Cider for campaign fundraising
- \$445 to Nationbuilder in Los Angeles for website service
- \$815 to the County Elections Division for a filing fee
- \$638 to the County Elections Division for ballot fees
- \$750 to Dropbox for website-related services
- \$120 to *EcoNews* for print ads
- \$405 to Senior News for print ads
- \$4,000 to Nancy Stephenson for campaign work
- \$1,634 to Times Printing for literature
- \$381 to Event Helper for fundraising
- \$1,287 to Carson Park Designs for literature
- \$2,579 to Tony Persico for campaign work
- \$546 to Amelia Rudnicki for campaign work
- \$500 to Arcata Veterans Hall for a fundraiser
- \$900 to the Striped Pig Band for fundraising
- \$300 to Lyndsey Battle for fundraising
- \$300 to Mike Schwartz for fundraising
- \$300 to Brent Shuler for fundraising
- \$216 to GoDaddy for website
- \$338 to Jim Hight for literature
- \$120 contribution to North County Fair
- \$217 to Mad River Brewery for fundraiser
- \$125 contribution to Northcoast Children’s Services
- \$160 to *Mad River Union* for advertising
- \$250 contribution to Humboldt County Democratic Committee
- \$127 to the Arcata Post Office for postage

URI DRISCOLL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

- \$400 to John Chiv for advertising on his blog
- \$396 to the *Mad River Union* for advertising
- \$203 to Costco for office supplies
- \$148 to Cash and Carry for fundraising supplies
- \$166 to Times Printing for campaign literature
- \$637 to Marian Brady for design work
- \$216 to Samara Restoration for fundraising supplies (trees for planting in Manila)
- \$320 to Lynette Mullins for campaign services
- \$1,603 to the County Elections Division for filing and voter information
- \$750 to Richard Monstranski of Brookings, Ore., for campaign manager services
- \$740 to Dennis Mayo of McKinleyville for setting up a website

MIKE WILSON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

- Constance Stewart, Arcata, \$150

Aldaron Laird, Arcata, \$250

Bonnie Neely, Eureka, \$150

Jennifer Kalt, McKinleyville, \$100

Elizabeth Conner, Arcata, \$100

Charles Powell, Arcata, \$350

Dennis Rael, Bayside, \$100

Catherine Koshkin, McKinleyville, \$125

Julie Fulkerson, Arcata, \$100

Dale Preston, Eureka, \$200

Chris Turner, Bayside, \$100

Mellisa Kraemer, Arcata, \$100

Robert Ornelas, Arcata, \$100

David Hitchcock, Arcata, \$100

Robert Berg, Bayside, \$100

Chuck DeWitt, Fairhaven, \$350

Sheri Woo, McKinleyville, \$100

Allan Katz, Eureka, \$100

Leroy Zerlang, Samoa, \$100

Charles Chamberlin, Arcata, \$100

Peter LaVallee, Eureka, \$100

Dan Shahin, Arcata, \$100

Lauren McClure, Arcata, \$100

John Stokes, Arcata, \$100

David Hankin, Trinidad, \$100

Kirk Cohune, Bayside, \$250

Karole Ely, Arcata, \$100

Thomas Burns, Arcata, \$200

Erik Jansson, McKinleyville, \$300

David Lilienstein, San Francisco, \$100

Melvin Kreb, Scotia, \$500

Yvonne Everett, Arcata, \$100

Greg Dale, Eureka, \$500

Karen Lu, Arcata, \$100

Peter Jermyn, Bayside, \$100

Patrick Schwartz, Arcata, \$100

Bob Geist, Arcata, \$100

John Rosa, Arcata, \$250

Jane Wilson, Arcata, \$100

Barbara Peters, Eureka, \$100

Jessica Hall, Loleta, \$100

S&S Kramer, McKinleyville, \$100

Zachery Zwerdling, Arcata, \$550

Robert Gearheart, Arcata, \$250

Dennis Huber, Arcata, \$300

Nicholas Frank, Trinidad, \$500

Don Tuttle, Arcata, \$450

Thomas Perrett, Arcata, \$700

Dave Meserve, Arcata, \$100

Lawrence Wieland, Arcata, \$550
- Patrick Swartz, Arcata, \$200

Bobby Olson, Eureka, \$100

CJ Ralph, Arcata, \$500

Charlie Butterworth, Arcata, \$370

Richard Marks, Samoa, \$370

Gordon Leppig, McKinleyville, \$101

Erik Jansson, McKinleyville, \$400

Milt Boyd, McKinleyville, \$100

Clif Clendenen, Fortuna, \$100

Patrick Higgins, McKinleyville, \$100

Tom Conlon, Arcata \$100

Michael Christian, Bayside, \$100

Shane Brinton, Arcata, \$250

Becky Grant, Petrolia, \$100

Peter Nichols, Arcata, \$100

Jose Exaplar, Arcata, \$100

Central Labor Council, Eureka, \$500

Peter Starr, Bayside, \$370

Cynthia Hooper, Eureka, \$150

Bill Kier, San Rafael, \$250

ManHard Consulting, Eureka, \$250

Dennis Halligan, Arcata, \$100

Building and Construction Trade Council of Humboldt/Del Norte Counties, Eureka, \$500

Barbara Peters, Eureka, \$200

Terry Roelofs, Eureka, \$100

Ann King Smith, Arcata, \$100

Operating Engineers Local Union 3, Alameda, \$1,000

Paul Mason, West Sacramento, \$100

Sonia Baur, Garberville, \$1,400

Stephen Gieder, Arcata, \$300

Thomas Payne, Arcata, \$100

Susan Ornelas, Arcata, \$200

Geoffrey Robinson, Blue Lake, \$100

Barbara Goldberg, Arcata, \$100

Christine Champe, Arcata, \$500

Linda Kuiper, Bayside, \$100

Richard Seif, Bayside, \$365

Thao Le Khac, Arcata, \$100

Leonard Bradley, Arcata, \$100

Michael Beuttner, Eureka, \$100

Richard Beresford, Eureka, \$275

Mary Gelines, Arcata, \$100

John Ford, Eureka, \$100

Alex Stillman, Arcata, \$1,165 contribution of office space

Simply Macintosh, Arcata, \$320 contribution of computer rental

Rick Levin, Blue Lake, \$407 contribution of campaign buttons.

URI DRISCOLL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

- Lisa Jeffers, Eureka, \$100

Barbara Benson, McKinleyville, \$110

Judy and Bill Rice, Ferndale, \$150

Leo Sears, Eureka, \$500

Jay Russ, Ferndale, \$250

Bert Colbert, Bayside, \$100

John Rick Alexander, Arcata, \$50

Shealawn Matsen, McKinleyville, \$150

Doug Jager, Trinidad, \$100

Russell Jones, Arcata, \$200

Charles Branner, Eureka, \$30

Linda and Ted Kuiper, Bayside, \$100
- Francis and Eleanor Driscoll, East Long Meadow, Mass., \$500

Verona Sorenson, Arcata \$50

Karen and Steve Underwood, Hydesville, \$50

Jack and Linda Persson, Eureka, \$100

Eric and Mary Almquist, McKinleyville, \$200

Christine Driscoll, Arcata, \$750

William Knapp, Eureka, \$100

Driscoll also loaned his campaign \$2,500.

Debate | Split over railroads, industrial lands

❖ **FROM A1**

do that,” Wilson said of the enforcement agencies.

“It’s a slow start, but we’ll see a lot more compliance coming,” he said. In particular, when legal marijuana must be certified, growers will be forced to get permits.

Driscoll said that the low number of permit applicants was “pathetic” and advocated for a system that allows small grows of about 2,000 square feet.

“I’ve been saying all along – keep it small, keep it simple,” Driscoll said.

“I’m really saddened to see that we’re most likely going to lose our happy Humboldt hippie brand,” Driscoll said.

The future of railroads

During the debate, the candidates were given the opportunity to ask their opponents questions, and then answer their own questions themselves.

Wilson asked Driscoll “Is the train, or the issue of the railroad in Humboldt County, a wedge issue?” Wilson was referencing a comment made by Driscoll at a previous forum, during which he called the railroad a wedge issue.

Oxford Dictionaries defines a wedge issue as “a divisive political issue, especially one that is raised by a candidate for public office in hopes of attracting or alienating an opponent’s supporters.”

“Yes,” Driscoll responded to the question.

“I love trains. It’s the most efficient way of moving goods across land that’s ever been devised,” Driscoll said. “But I have yet to see a proposal that makes sense for bringing trains back here.”

“As far as having a tourist train around the bay, I really like that idea. Is it feasible? I don’t know,” Driscoll said.

Wilson then answered his own question. “I don’t think it’s a wedge issue. I think it’s an issue of reality. It’s an issue that plays into how we plan our future.”

“The train hasn’t run in almost 20 years, and yet the railroad is slowing down trail development,” Wilson said.

“It’s definitely slowed down development around Humboldt Bay in terms of reutilizing and getting blight out of Humboldt Bay,” Wilson said.

Rail proponents have mostly opposed using the tracks of the defunct railroad for trails, saying they want them preserved for rail.

Coastal dependent uses

Another hot-button issue for the evening was the county’s proposal to temporarily allow non-coastal dependent land uses around Humboldt Bay, including at the old Samoa Pulp Mill site. Some of the properties are restricted to industries that are deemed coastal dependent, meaning they need to be near water for shipping or fishing. The county wants to allow businesses that are not coastal de-

pendent to use these properties and remain there for as long as 10 years.

Wilson is an elected commissioner on the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, which owns the Samoa Pulp Mill property and wants to expand the kinds of businesses that can locate on the property.

Driscoll said he was concerned that Arcata could lose Wing Inflatables to the Samoa site.

“One of your fellow commissioners had stated that you would consider poaching Wing Inflatables and other industries that are existing now in Arcata to draw them out to harbor district lands,” Driscoll said.

“That is a concern to me... that you would consider pilfering existing businesses,” said Driscoll, who also raised concerns about creating more industrial properties and instead expressed a preference for using “upland” industrial properties.

But Wilson disagreed, saying that allowing more uses around the bay will help clean up blighted properties and maintain the existing infrastructure.

“By not allowing some redevelopment and some interim uses you are giving up on he infrastructure,” Wilson said.

Wilson noted that there are roads, electrical systems, sewer systems, warehouses and much more on these unused industrial lands.

“If it’s not used it will fall into complete disrepair and you’re actually moving further away from coastal dependent uses,” Wilson said.

Saltwater & ag lands

The debate was, at times, contentious, with Driscoll claiming that Wilson wants to flood agricultural land with saltwater – a charge that left Wilson shaking his head in disapproval.

“Mr. Wilson and I both want to protect our ag lands, that’s for sure,” Driscoll said. “Unfortunately, Mike seems to think that flooding them with salt water is a good idea. I would much rather help our farmers and ranchers enrich our soils using traditional and cutting-edge technologies.”

Driscoll was referring to Wilson’s stated support of estuary restoration projects, like Arcata’s McDaniel Slough Project, which restored about 250 acres of tidelands that had previously been diked off and drained. Wilson has said he supports such projects, including as an adaptation method for sea level rise.

Driscoll mentioned the issue again later in the debate, when he asked Wilson about a proposed trail on a levee that protects the Arcata Bottom from Humboldt Bay. Driscoll said that Wilson supported the trail, but also supported having an opening in the levee to allow certain areas to be flooded. “So if you want to both protect ag lands



THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS The debate at the Manila Community Center was attended by both media and the public.

PHOTO BY KIM DURHAM

and trails, how do you reconcile your positions?” Driscoll asked Wilson.

“Well, for one, please don’t speak for me in terms of what my position is on flooding ag lands,” Wilson responded.

“We do need to consider retreat strategies as sea level rises, and I don’t think that’s unreasonable,” Wilson said.

As for Driscoll’s accusation that breaching the levees would not allow trails to be built upon them, Wilson had a simple answer: bridges.

“You can have these breaches and you can have these trails at the same time,” Wilson said.

Driscoll questioned whether trails out in these watery areas would be of any value. “Having a trail on a levee that just goes down the middle of a saltwater marsh or mudflats is not really going to be very desirable,” he said.

Wilson strongly disagreed. “I think trails anywhere around Humboldt Bay are fairly desirable and people have asked for it quite a bit.”

As for estuary restoration projects, Wilson said they have to be carefully planned and well thought out. “I’m not proposing, just willy nilly, the opening up of anything. Obviously, you’ve got to do it right,” Wilson said.

Wilson said that some restoration projects may actually create tidelands for growing shellfish, thereby enhancing agricultural production.

During a rebuttal, Driscoll went after Wilson again. “It sounds to me my opponent just said he’s willing to turn open space agriculture pasture land into oyster farms,” Driscoll said.

Wilson, having already used up his rebuttal time per the debate’s rules, shook his head side to side to show his disagreement with his opponent’s claims.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Woman reported missing by her mother

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NORTHERN HUMBOLDT
– In mid-May, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office spoke to a citizen who wanted to report her 31-year-old daughter missing.
The woman said she last spoke to her daughter, Jennifer Leann Atkins, about six months ago.
The missing person's mother said her daughter was living in the Eureka area and at times was staying at a shelter in Arcata. The mother said she receives her daughter's bank statements at



Jennifer Leann Atkins

her house and there has been no bank activity in the last several months, which she finds alarming.
The mother said Atkins does not have a vehicle or a cellular telephone and may be in the Willow Creek area. The mother is concerned for her daughter's safety.
Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Local Coast Guard adds staff, equipment

COAST GUARD SECTOR HUMBOLDT BAY
HUMBOLDT BAY – Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay received 16 new crewmembers and a fourth helicopter last Saturday.
The temporary placement of an additional MH-65 helicopter and crews in Humboldt Bay is part of a wider reassignment of aircraft and personnel from Air Station Los Angeles, which is being decommissioned Friday.
“We welcome our shipmates and the new helicopter from Los Angeles to the North Coast,” said Cmdr. Kevin M. Barres, response officer, Sector Humboldt Bay. “An additional aircraft and extra crews will help us with local operations and bolster our ability to deploy helicopters aboard large Coast Guard cutters for long-range worldwide patrols.”
Three other helicopters and crews from the decommissioned Los Angeles unit are being transferred to San Francisco. Coast Guard helicopter operations in the Los Angeles area will be conducted from a Forward Operating Base located at Naval Base Ventura County at Pt. Mugu by crews rotating from San Francisco.
Plans call for the additional aircraft and crews placed in San Francisco and Humboldt Bay to return to Southern California after a new permanent air station is built in the region. The new unit is expected to be operational by 2021.

Man's trespasses to remain unforgiven

• **Monday, May 9, 1:02 a.m.** A guy outside of Ray's Food Place told deputies that a dude came up and hit him several times. The week before, the dude also stole the guy's bike.
12:11 a.m. After a couple broke up in McKinleyville, the female half found a suicidal note written by the



ex-boyfriend. She suspected that he had tried to overdose with over-the-counter medication. Deputies paid him a visit, then took him to Semper Virens for an evaluation.
5:38 p.m. Eli Stapp was caught allegedly trespassing on Central Avenue

in McKinleyville. When the owner of the property yelled at him that he was trespassing, Stapp ran to another property, which also had no trespassing signs. When deputies arrived, Stapp ran back to the first property. Stapp was not forgiven for his trespasses, so he was arrested and booked into the county jail on suspicion of trespassing.

Early morning home invasion in Westhaven

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WESTHAVEN – On Monday, May 16 at about 3:40 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence located in the 1200 block of North Westhaven Drive regarding a home invasion robbery that occurred at about 2 a.m.
The 47-year-old male victim told deputies he was watching television at about 2 a.m. when four male suspects entered his residence.
The suspects demanded the victim's vehicle and marijuana from inside his residence. The victim said the suspects were armed with a knife and a handgun. The victim was uninjured in the incident.
The first suspect was described as a white male adult, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, with a thin build, wearing a black ski mask, black cap with “HW” on it, black sweatshirt and armed with a small silver-colored revolver.
The second suspect was described as a

white male adult, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, with a medium build, wearing a camo pullover hoodie and an unknown item covering his face. This suspect may have been armed with a knife.
The third suspect was described as an Indian male adult, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, with a stocky build, with black hair, wearing a red bandana over his face.
The fourth suspect was described as a male adult; no further description was given.
The suspects stole an undisclosed amount of marijuana from the victim along with his 2006 gold-colored Toyota Tundra pickup truck, California license 8R34138.
Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Camo man catapults construction cones

• **Tuesday, April 19 2:42 p.m.** A device meant to keep miscreants out (or in) – a custom-made front gate – failed at its one job when half of it was stolen.
4:31 p.m. A blue-clad man presented himself at a door on Alliance Road demanding to see a resident's PG&E bill.
5:03 p.m. A wallet left in a truck was lightened of a Benjamin.
7:56 p.m. At F and Seventh, a camo-clad man was seen throwing construction cones.
9:54 p.m. A naked woman jumped in 101 traffic around Airport Road.
• **Wednesday, April 20 5:24 a.m.** As though working the graveyard shift weren't bad enough, an employee found herself



afraid to leave work because a man was sleeping in the doorway of the Ninth Street manufacturing business where she had toiled all night long.
8:31 a.m. Someone set up a blue hammock in the 12th Street woods.
9:31 a.m. While the resident was sleeping, someone brazenly walked in through the front door and stole a black leather vest from a pillow case.
9:48 a.m. That check for \$2,120 seemed too good to be true. Because it was.
10:45 a.m. The evening previous, a young man knocked on a door on Ponderosa Way and requested to see the resident's PG&E bill. Asked for identification, he showed a badge stating he was a PG&E employee. What

he could not, produce, however, was a solicitor's permit.
3:52 p.m. Four fake \$100 bills probably get you a lot of real baked goods.
9:43 p.m. As a matador's sweeping cape to a bull, the fleeing juvenile's red shirt to the police officer.
10:56 p.m. An employee was assaulted with a soda in the parking lot of a Valley West fast foodery.
• **Thursday, April 21 4:21 a.m.** A goateed bald white man wearing a red tank top with black shorts was observed acting disorderly and chasing people by a Uniontown supermarket.
4:33 a.m. Moments later at the same location, someone urinated in front of the same grocery store and then sat in a parked car.
7:05 a.m. The electric meter behind a bar on Tavern Row was completely torn off the building.

Shooting | Hoffman allegedly attacked officer with metal cane

• **FROM A1**
The CIRT and associated findings will be forwarded to Fleming's office for a definitive ruling. On administrative leave pending the outcome are APD Officer Don Arminio, who shot Hoffman four times in a parking lot confrontation at the Shell Food Mart at 14th and G streets in Northtown; and APD's Matthew O'Donovan, who Tasered Hoffman a moment before Arminio fired, according to Chapman's initial report to the press and public.
Chapman said Arminio has been with the department eight years.
The chief said Arcata Police had had a couple of “very minor contacts” with Hoffman about a year ago. The victim lists himself on his Facebook page as a Garberville resident and former Eureka resident who worked for Premier Food Services in Del Mar from 2011 to 2014.
According to Chapman's account, O'Donovan fired his Taser moments before Arminio's shots rang out, but for reasons undetermined, the device failed to work.
The chief said his colleagues had documented the confrontation and the shooting with the help of civilian witnesses, supported by in-patrol car camera footage and audio recordings, plus surveillance video captured by the Shell station's monitors. Three police cars took camera footage.
According to APD's chronology, Arminio and O'Donovan arrived simultaneously at 14th and G on May 17 at 6:51 p.m., eight minutes after dispatch received a telephone call from the Shell clerk. He reported a man drinking alcohol – what kind Chapman did not know – and “swinging two sticks in an aggressive manner.” The clerk managed to persuade Hoffman to leave the Food Mart.
Police are awaiting Hoffman's toxicology report.
Camera footage confirmed the suspect was brandishing two weapons, one in each hand, according to Chapman. One of them was a three-foot-long wooden stick that the chief said resembled a thick dowel; the other was a metal cane.
The Shell clerk said Hoffman was spinning both of them “in a Ninja fashion,” in

what Chapman agreed was “a martial arts manner.”
Hoffman allegedly defied the officers' instructions to drop his weapons. Arminio and O'Donovan sought to de-escalate the face-off orally, “tried to get him to calm down a little bit,” which is captured on the police car audio, the chief said. “He was swinging both of those weapons towards the officers.”
Hoffman charged suddenly, according to Chapman's account, with the metal cane raised up over his head. That was “an apparent attempt to assault the officer,” the chief said. “It was clear, at least to me, he was trying to attack the officer with the metal cane.”
As Hoffman maneuvered between two of the patrol cars and started his charge, O'Donovan deployed his Taser, which had no effect. Then the suspect reportedly got “to within an arm's length or so [or] almost on top of” Arminio, who fired four times “in rapid succession.”
The officers subdued Hoffman as he tried to get up after being wounded and “there was a little bit of a struggle” before they succeeded in handcuffing him, according to Chapman's version of events.
Arminio and O'Donovan immediately began first aid and life-saving operations while summoning an ambulance, which arrived at 6:58 p.m.
Based on police radio traffic, some three minutes elapsed between the officers' arrival at 6:51 and the Taser deployment at 6:54, followed by the four shots fired.
Asked what was going on during those 180 seconds, Chapman cautioned that every violent encounter of this kind is unique but, in general “the officers are reading what is happening. It's a dynamic situation and they're trying to respond, coax [and] coach the individual to comply. Sometimes compliance happens immediately and sometimes it doesn't happen at all.”
Asked if a dialogue developed during those crucial seconds, Chapman answered, “Yes, they were definitely interacting and it was going both ways.” Hoffman used aggressive language and profanity, the chief said.
Regarding de-escalation training, the



Tom Chapman

chief said the department's focus in the past five or six years has been on a class in crisis intervention, held jointly with the mental health branch of the county's Department of Health & Human Services. Officers learn skills and techniques for dealing with individuals in extremis, primarily geared to mental health and how to defuse a crisis with key words or phrasing.
“It's a pretty wide, encompassing class,” Chapman said. “I believe nearly all of our officers have gone through the training, including my supervisory staff, management staff and myself,” as well as Arminio and O'Donovan.
“As we bring on new hires, it's our intent to have them train also.”
Chapman addressed the community impact of the shooting. Calling it “a horrible, horrible situation,” he said, “Certainly our thoughts are with the man who was shot, and of course the officers' families in our community.”
He continued, “It's very impactful in your community when you have an event like this, where one of our law enforcement officers is forced to discharge [his] firearm in the course of [his] duties. Certainly there are feelings of being unsafe, feelings that crime is rampant, that crime is out of control.
“Our hope is through this (investigative) process that is set up countywide ... we can kind of quell that a little bit, quickly and efficiently get through a thorough investigation and get information out to the public as quick as we can to help calm things down.”
City Manager Karen Diemer raised the specter of Arcata's drug milieu. Speaking of Northtown's “densely used commercial and residential neighborhood,” she encouraged anyone who might have seen or heard what



FROM FACEBOOK This photo is from Joshua Adelynina Hoffman's Facebook page, where he posted photos of the San Diego Zoo and hiking trips.

FACEBOOK PHOTO

happened to share their thoughts, solutions and ideas, not only about the shooting but also about “what evidently is the growing complexity of the social issues in our community. If we can do our best to learn lessons from this incident and to share ideas and create solutions, then that could be one positive outcome.
“Anecdotally,” Diemer added in response to a question, “I know that our officers are increasingly dealing with complex issues of drug use in our community, more aggressive behavior from the daily interactions that they have. It's not an extreme escalating condition, but the reports that we receive from residents as well is that there is some increasing concern.”

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE A Memorial Day Service will be held **Monday, May 30** at 11 a.m. Greenwood Cemetery at 1757 J St. in Arcata. Participants are Pastor Bob Chuck Clark of the Wesleyan Church of the Redwoods in McKinleyville; American Legion Post 274; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2542; Boy Scout Troop 9, Arcata; Girl Scouts Troops/Redwood Service Units/Arcata and McKinleyville and Mad River Community Honor Guard. The guest speaker will be Capt. Arthur J. Snyder, commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay. All veterans, friends and community members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion. In the event of rain, the service will be moved two blocks south to the Veterans' Hall at 14th and J streets in Arcata.

Greenview: A playground for all

Jessie Faulkner
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Being on the sidelines is no fun – whether it’s at a football game, a dance, a party or a playground.

Less than a year after fundraising began, the proposed all-inclusive Greenview Park Playground – to be designed for children of all abilities – is well on its way to a late summer groundbreaking. Greenview Park is located off Lewis Avenue west of Greenview Market.

For the uninitiated, the park itself is a bit of a surprise. Visitors turn down the short residential street off 11th Street in west Arcata and, where one might expect another home, is an open green space dotted with decades-old swings, a climbing structure and a single basketball hoop. What is less surprising is that the facility is clearly only useful to those who are able-bodied.

Daniel Bixler, who lives a block or two away from what Arcata Deputy Director of Environmental Services Julie Neander described as a “pocket park,” saw potential for the maintained but aged open space. When it came to his attention that a number of neighborhood children are challenged with physical or mental handicaps, it seemed a perfect fit to make the playground suitable for all kids. Once complete, the organizer said, it will be the only all-inclusive playground between Oakland and Medford, Ore.

And will almost certainly be well used both for those living in the neighborhood and elsewhere on the North Coast. Thirteen-year-old Ernesto likely will be among those regularly visiting the renovated park.

Ernesto, who lives near Greenview Park, would often travel in his wheelchair to the park with his two able-bodied sisters, Bixler said. The girls could run, climb and play, but the existing terrain – mostly lawn – prevented him from entering the area. So, he would play games on an electronic device until his sisters’ interest and energy was spent.

The community has since stepped up to fund the soon-to-be renovated playground. As of last week, close to \$200,000 have been raised in grants and donations, Bixler said. That leaves around \$100,000 more to bring in. Bixler has no doubt that’s a possibility, and is committed to reaching that goal.

“\$300,000 is the goal,” he said.

Donations continue coming in, including an almost \$11,000 contribution recently made by Coast Central Credit Union, Wildberries Marketplace’s ongoing match of \$25,000 and the sale of a special coffee from Humboldt Bay Coffee Co. – with roughly 50 percent of the proceeds going to the project.

Numerous other local businesses have ponied up for the cause and an anonymous donor gave \$10,000. Arcata City Councilmember Mark Wheatley, who is active in Special Olympics, was instrumental in setting up a fund at Humboldt Area Foundation, Bixler said.

One of the biggest expenses for the park’s renovation is the installation of poured rubber, a two-layered cushiony surface material that will prevent injuries from those using the park. The material costs between \$17 and \$25 per square foot and is estimated to run in the neighbor-



GREENVIEW NOW There is a lot of grass, some swings and playground equipment right now. The park will be radically transformed into something that people of all abilities can use.

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HOW TO HELP

Donations to help transform Greenview Park playground, located in a cul-de-sac just north of the intersection of 11th Street and Lewis Avenue in Arcata, into a fun place for all children can be made in a variety of ways.

❖ **Mail donation:** Check or credit card donations may be sent to Humboldt Area Foundation, attn: Greenview Playground Project, 373 Indianola Road, Bayside, CA 95524.

❖ **Buy coffee:** Or purchase a bag of Humboldt Bay Coffee Co.’s Greenview Park French Roast; about 50 percent of the cost is donated to the playground renovation.

❖ **Buy a hat:** Other possibilities include purchasing a baseball-style cap commemorating the project for \$20.

❖ **Get a brick:** For \$250, a personalized Fire & Light brick will be placed in the playground’s donor wall.

Call Daniel Bixler at (707) 407-5774

hood of \$100,000 to blanket 4,153 square feet of the park.

As to the actual playground equipment, Bixler is planing to install specialized swings designed to safely secure those with little or no upper body control – somewhat like the safety devices on roller coasters – a sensory wall for children with autism and with impaired vision and a cozy dome for kids who might be overwhelmed with too much sensory input. Plans are also in the works to install a piece of equipment that will allow those in wheelchairs to be secured and then enjoy the sensations of a merry-go-round-like device.

“It will be a destination playground,” Bixler said.

He is quick to note that the park is meant for all children – those with challenges as well as the able-bodied.

The owner of Humboldt Hot Sauce and a resident of the neighborhood, Bixler and his partner have two young daughters. They regularly visit Greenview Park. It’s a practice that eventually led him to offer his fundraising services to renovate the space. The city welcomed his proposal, but required a meeting of the neighborhood beforehand. That early 2015 meeting at the Arcata Community Center drew about 25 people from the neighborhood and revealed that a number of the nearby children had challenges that prevented them from using or making full use of the hidden-away park.

The quandary of what to do with the park was quickly resolved.

The rapid-speaking, high-energy Bixler has no doubt everything will remain on schedule.

“Our goal is August,” he said, “and we’ll begin.”

Plans to transform Greenview Park into an all-inclusive playground has also brought the city’s goal of incorporating accessible playground equipment into other parks to the forefront.

“I’m really hopeful going forward, we’ll do that,” Neander said. “There’s definitely a need. All children should be able to play together.”



CANDIE IS QUEEN

SWEET VICTORY It was a sweet victory as 2015 Kinetic Princess PoiSin Candie from the Land of Confections clinched the crown at the 2016 Rutabaga Ball on Saturday night. The newly crowned 2016 Rutabaga Queen was embraced by 2015 Rutabaga Queen Gloria Kiddnetica, upper right. Candie’s pink ballgown, left, dispensed candy, and her colorful entourage, below, plied the crowd and the judges with mini-cupcakes. Queen Candie will reign in perpetuity and preside over this weekend’s Kinetic Grand Championship in a custom crown crafted by Daniel Lawrence, with Ayala Talpai, upper left.

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STEP BACK IN TIME

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST Union Street Charter School students toured the Phillips House last Wednesday as volunteers and members of the Historical Sites Society of Arcata brought history to life. Top left, Uri Driscoll and Dick Wild show the students how mules were used to pack supplies. A mule train would have begun at Jacoby’s Storehouse on the Arcata Plaza, then made its way up over the hills to the mines. Top right, student Bella Tarlton tries the ancient manual typewriter, something that these children may have never seen before, believe it or not. Above, Sherry Eaton explains how to rug hook. The Phillips House, at 71 Seventh St. in Arcata, is open for tours on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Oak | Pathogen’s source remains a mystery

❖ **FROM B1**

ifornia, the effect might not apply to Humboldt County.

Dan Stark, the North Coast SOD outreach coordinator for the University of California Cooperative Extension, said that Humboldt has many “microclimates” that include streams and other watercourses.

“So even during a drought, there’s the potential for spread,” he continued. Although he noted that there is conflicting information on the current degree of spreading, Stark said Humboldt is not seeing a reduction in tree mortality.

“Drought might have slowed the spread but our microclimates stayed damp, moist and dark even through the summer up here,” he added.

Stark said the notion of drought slowing SOD has not been backed up with scientific data and “the measurements we’ve taken show that (drought) didn’t slow it down at all.”

Recent rains may boost the pathogen’s

spread but signs of it will not soon be noticed. Stark said there is a “lag time” between rain periods and SOD activity.

“It might actually be spreading now but we won’t see dead trees for another one to two years,” he continued.

One method of detecting infection sources is stream monitoring, using rhododendron leaves in mesh traps to attract the pathogen’s spores. The pathogen has infected leaves in Mill Creek in McKinleyville, triggering a search for the origin.

“But we haven’t been able to find a source,” said Stark. “It’s been very frustrating – I myself have been crawling around Mill Creek on hands and knees looking for it and we haven’t found it yet.”

Stark said nursery plants could be the source of the McKinleyville infection, but when researchers held local landowner workshops, none of the attendees reported having plants that would be likely culprits.

In Humboldt County, the pathogen primarily affects tan oaks. Spread of the

pathogen is noted by observing dead trees and Stark said researchers rely heavily on aerial flyovers by the U.S. Forest Service to track SOD.

New flyovers will be done in June, July and August. “We do know that SOD expands in areas that are currently affected,” Stark said, adding that Southern Humboldt is “by far the most heavily-affected area.”

The county’s Sudden Oak Death outbreak was originally detected outside of Redway and is now present in Redwood Valley and as far north as Redwood National Park, where it’s “actively managed and, we think, contained,” said Stark.

Human activity and distribution of infected nursery plants can spread the pathogen but its primary means of travel is via water. Windblown water droplets from the leaves of infected trees can lead to new infections and the pathogen also moves through streams.

Stark noted that *p.ramorum* is “not sexually mating at this point – it’s just propagating.” But in Curry County, Ore., a mating strain was recently detected on a single tan oak that was removed.

“It looks like it was successfully eradicated,” Stark said, but he added that “there is always that threat, that we could have the mating type on the landscape and the pathogen could become more or perhaps less virulent.”

Sudden Oak Death is a global phenomenon and researchers from around the world – including Humboldt County – will share information at the Sixth Annual Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium in San Francisco next month.

Stark said Humboldt researchers will deliver presentations on experimental treatments that were carried out 10 years ago and review how effective they have been.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS Become a Red Cross volunteer at the next New Volunteer Orientation on **Thursday, June 2** from 1 to 3 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. at the new Red Cross Building at 3101 Concorde Dr., ste. H in McKinleyville. Red Cross volunteers are trained to meet the needs of local residents affected by disasters. (707) 443-4521, tinyurl.com/redcrossNCCRvolunteer

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Crabs welcome new hitting coach Tim Wheeler

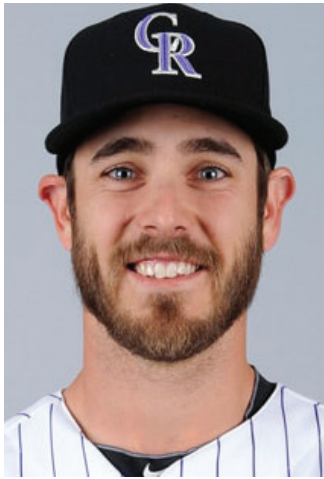
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ARCATA – Tim Wheeler, a former Sacramento State Hornet and Rockies outfielder joins the Crabs coaching staff in 2016 as the hitting coach.

Wheeler was a two-sport athlete, playing in the outfield for the Sac State Hornets and playing quarterback and defensive back in football at his high school.

He was named a second team All-American

by Baseball America after hitting .385 with 18 home runs and 72 runs batted in.

Wheeler was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the first round of the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft. Prior to the 2010 season, he was ranked as the Rockies' seventh best prospect by Baseball America. His best minor league season came in 2011 with the Class AA Tulsa squad. He hit 33 home runs that season.



Tim Wheeler

Wheeler appeared poised to reach the big leagues in 2012, but he broke his right hamate bone in the season's first week. He missed significant time that season and hit .303 for the Sky Sox in 92 games, but finished with just two homers. Prior to the 2012 season, Baseball America

rated him the Rockies' fifth best prospect.

During the 2013 season, Wheeler, 25, batted .262 with five homers and 16 doubles in Triple-A.

"Tim Wheeler is not only one of the best players I have ever coached but also one of the best human beings I have ever been associated with," said Sacramento State Baseball Coach Reggie Christiansen. "This is a tremendous hire for the Crabs! Tim has a bright future as a coach as he makes the move from player to coach."

The Humboldt Crabs kick off the 2016 season with a Fan Fest on Thursday, June 2 at 5 p.m. at the Arcata Ball Park. The season opens Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m., playing the South Bay Sliders.

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FAIRIES + FASHION = FLOW Arcata Arts Institute's (AAI) premier runway event, the Flow fashion showcase is the culminating event for Arcata Arts Institute's fashion design students. Original wearable designs are conceived of and constructed by AAI students. This year's collection features the work of 11 designers, with over 40 models on the runway, and includes everything from laser cut wings, left, to stunning evening wear. Designers are from all of the AAI's curricular strands, both visual and performing art. The production itself is student run, including marketing (poster, program, ticket design, and press releases), sound, lighting, studio and event photography/video. Artist experts from the community are part of all aspects of the event to support students' learning. The FLOW show is at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., on Saturday, May 28. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$25/\$20 for students and are available at Hot Knots on the Arcata Plaza; admission at the door is \$30 This event is a true metaphor for what AAI is, vibrant community partnerships, with a rigorous, advanced level arts program within Arcata High School, a rural, comprehensive public high school.

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SWEET CAN CIRCUS

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"The troupe has performed twice before as part of our family series and we are thrilled to have them return for our 10th anniversary," said organizer David Ferney.

This enduring family performance series has consistently brought wonderfully unique touring artist to Humboldt County for shows at the Arcata Playhouse. Over its 10-year history, the series has become an Arcata and Humboldt County mainstay for families looking for quality, affordable entertainment for children and adults alike and presented performing companies from across the U.S. and Canada, England and Scotland. With both school and public performances of family theater, storytelling, puppetry and variety performances the series is known for its intimate setting and for outstanding performers; this year's series is no different.

The series is supported by generous local business sponsors Kokatat Watersports Wear, Holly Yashi Jewelry and Wildberries Marketplace.



GLORY TIME

FAST FUGITIVES The Tempus Fugitives and one Kinetic Bandit Society member revel in their glorious victory as Drilling for Glory in 2015.

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Going back in time with Kinetic time bandits

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

MARSH DISTRICT – Rust never sleeps, wrote Neil Young, and in the month of May, neither do kinetic sculptors. Foremost among these nocturnal sleep-deprived artists are the Tempus Fugitives, the work-hard, play-hard team you may not have heard of, despite their clinching back-to-back Kinetic Grand Championship victories in the last two years.

Even the most faithful race spectators

may overlook this team. Their rig is often overshadowed by larger, more colorful sculptures. And nothing on the Tempus Fugitives' sculptures burns, except their blistering speed.

For once they're released from the Plaza on Saturday, the Tempus Fugitives want to race. They're so fast, said pit crew member Jessica Davis, that it's hard for the pit crew to keep up with them, even in motor vehicles. One year, she said, they made it out to the Manila Dunes before the official time-

keepers arrived.

"We strive to be well balanced," said one of the four pilots James Hamilton Smith II (also known as "Captain Zims" until he was promoted to "General Badassery" in a ceremony presided over by Queen Emma the Emchantress), "which means going fast."

"We play to win," concurred Mrs. Badassery, Sarah Smith, a sculptor who is also pitmistress.

James Smith is a founder of Third Eye Sculptureworks, a South G Street art studio/band rehearsal space conveniently located next to Arcata Scrap & Salvage. Along with being a sculptor working in wood and metal ("Heavy Metal Man," *Mad River Union*, March 25, 2015), Smith is a former bike mechanic. Like many others, the Smiths and company were fans of the Kinetic Grand Championship for years.

Pilot John "Knuckles" Nickelson, the other remaining team "OG," now team captain, recalled, "I saw it, I thought it was cool – I wanted to do it – once." This year will see his eighth outing with the team.

"You always watch the race like you watch the Samba parade and think, 'I'm going to be a dancer next year,'" said Sarah Smith. After years of talking about the race, the team coalesced, "double-dog-daring" each other to actually do something. And

FUGITIVES ❖ B2

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN Tempus Fugitives moving through time.

Top, 2009's Lightning Bug, floating with art; the Apocalyptic Cockroach navigating the dunes, center; bottom, Drilling for Glory at race start. TOP AND CENTER PHOTOS COURTESY TEMPUS FUGITIVES; BOTTOM PHOTO JD | UNION



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SHUCK YEAH! Arcata Main Street presents its Oyster Fest kick-off reception **Thursday, May 26** from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Plaza View Room of Jacoby's Storehouse, 791 Eighth St., Arcata. The reception includes oysters on the half-shell, appetizers, and a no-host bar, as well as an opportunity to meet the oyster farmers of Humboldt Bay. Admission is \$10; proceeds benefit Arcata Main Street's new Plaza Watershed Program. Tickets are available at Arcata Main Street's office and at the door.

MUSEUM MARIMBA The Morris Graves and Marimba One present a concert featuring Jack Van Geem and Stephanie Webster, two world class musicians coming together for this special event at the Morris Graves, 636 F St., Eureka, on **Friday, May 27** at 8 p.m. Van Geem and Webster perform *Protest Songs and Dances of South America*. Admission is \$15; tickets available at Wild-

berries Marketplace, at the Morris Graves and at the door.

SILVERBRAND IN CUBA Dave Silverbrand, long-time Humboldt County television and print personality, shares a personal reflection on his visits to the island nation in "Cuba —From Embargo to Evolution; a journalist's look at an island in time." Silverbrand visited Cuba four times, including the week before President Obama visited. The public forum begins at noon on **Saturday, May 28** at the Samoa Cookhouse, 908 Vance Ave., Samoa. Lunch is no-host.

UNCLE FLOSS Local theater artist James Floss presents a public one-man show for his niece on **Saturday, May 28** at 8 p.m. at The SPACE, 92 Sunny Brae Center. Floss, known for his work with the Sweet Georgia Brown Clowns, the Chamber Readers and local theatres, will present a Readers Theater style performance of his favorite poems and short stories including an abbreviated and annotated version of his show, *The Traveller*. While admission is free, donations will be accepted for Food for People (food or money), Humboldt Light Opera Company and/or for a post-performance libation fund.

CONSTELLATION MUSIC SERIES San Francisco-based visual and performing artist Jim Haynes and local act Spunflower perform at the Morris Graves, 636 F St., Eureka, on **Saturday, May 28** at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 to \$10 sliding scale.

KINETIC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP The venerable Triathlon of the Art World kicks off on **Saturday, May 28** from 10 a.m. to noon at the Arcata Plaza. The race features many viewing points, including at the Manila Dunes Community Center Kinetic Festival on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m.; at the Halvorsen Park Finish Line Party on Saturday afternoon; at the Eureka waterfront starting at 10:02 a.m. on **Sunday, May 29**; at Eureka Natural Foods from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, and at the glorious finish line in Ferndale on **Monday, May 30** from 1ish until 4:37 p.m. [kineticgrandchampionship.com](#)

OUTLAW COUNTRY Cliff Dallas & The Death Valley Troubadours (Mojave outlaw country) rock Trinidad with The Good Time Rounders (outlaw country grass) **Saturday, May 28** at 9 p.m. at the Ocean Grove, 480 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad. Admission is free.

TRINIDAD ARTISANS MARKET Local band Legends of the Mind kicks off the seaside village's weekly summer celebration of art, crafts, live music and barbecue this **Sunday, May 29** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. next to Murphy's Market. Every Sunday through Sept. 13, you'll find wonderful works of art and crafts from local artisans and live music by a variety of Humboldt's finest musicians.

LISLE & MINEVA Soprano Clara Lisle and pianist Daniela Mineva present a free recital with selections by Handel, Debussy, Strauss and Menotti at the Morris Graves, 636 F St., Eureka, at 2 p.m. on **Sunday,**

May 29. Lisle is a native of McKinleyville and a graduate of the Trinity Laban College of Music, London. She currently resides in New York, where she is in the Masters Program at Mannes School of Music. Mineva is an HSU associate professor of music and an internationally known concert pianist.

POLITICAL DIVISIONS EXPLORED Practical ways to unite a divided country will be explored at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, May 29** at 7 p.m. The program, titled "Can This Union Be Saved: A Marriage Counselor's Advice for Our Divided Country," features a filmed interview with Denny Howard, a marriage counselor who shares how the strategies employed to help estranged couples may work with those who have divergent political views. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to share their political views while establishing common ground with people holding opposing views. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com

SWEDISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST Start your Memorial day, **Monday, May 30**, at the finish line of the Kinetic Grand Championship with breakfast at the Danish Lodge, 430 Ocean Ave., Ferndale. The menu includes Svenske pancakes, sausages, apple sauce, orange juice and coffee. Breakfast is \$10/\$5 for children aged 3 to 12 and benefits the Vasa Order of America, Balder Lodge #343.

Fugitives | ‘Things got catastrophic’

❖ **FROM B1**
then, they did.

The team that would become Tempus Fugitives first hit the road in 2009. "The first year, we were the Lightning Bug," said James Smith. "That was the year we had to decide whether we wanted to float or have art. Then we decided to do both. It was godawful." The team didn't register to ace that year — it was too expensive for them and they weren't quite sure what that entailed — but they unofficially aced anyway. ("Acing" means following all seven pages of the oftentimes ludicrous rules, which are listed at [kineticgrandchampionship.com](#).)

Besides a wealth of hard-won experience, what came out of that first year was the articulated chassis on which, with ongoing modifications, the team still races today. The core of that chassis is its central articulation, which allows the sculpture to make tight turns, as well as maintain stability and traction on the many surfaces — pavement, sand, mud, gravel and water — that sculptures must traverse in the 42-mile course. The articulation provides great four-wheel traction, James Smith pointed out. "It's the ultimate zombie survival vehicle," added Sarah Smith.

The team credits veteran kineticist Ken Beidleman as their

muse. Even early on, Beidleman was generous with his knowledge and advice — even if he didn't always follow it himself. Besides offering a wealth of engineering advice, Beidleman reportedly told them they had to change out your art every two years, especially after they won.

The team took that to heart, and in 2010 emerged fully formed as the Tempus Fugitives — time travelling pirates/bandits/renegades continually re-emerging from the fourth dimension in an endless quest not to grow up — in their steampunk Time Machine.

For a time, all went well. Then, on the morning of day three, the slough crossing proved impossible and had to turn back and try the road. "That was when things got catastrophic," said Davis. Sarah Smith towed the rig along Cannibal Island Road. "I could hear the spokes from the wheels popping off, ping, ping, ping," she said.

When the team reached Loleta Road, they waited for hours in a light rain for a tow truck. "The tow truck driver helped us explain what a kinetic sculpture was to AAA," said Davis, and AAA actually covered the cost of the tow. The Time Machine was towed across the finish line well after the race had concluded and all the spectators had gone home, said Davis.

Fast forward to 2011, and the Time Machine came back in time to win the Grand Championship. "We made glory rain," exulted Sarah Smith.

The following year, 2012, saw a complete redesign of the art and the introduction of the Apocalyptic Cockroach. The *Blattodea*-inspired design was a tough sell to the rest of the team, said Sarah Smith, who described herself as a big Kafka fan. But James Smith confessed to being big on the idea; because of the central articulation of the rig and the way the machine moves, he always wanted to be a big bug. With the power metal couple behind the idea, the team grew to love it too.

That sculpture was heavy, said James Smith, and loud. Made of scavenged metal (metal in all its forms is a central theme for this team), the corrugated top wasn't made of the thinnest stock. Getting ready to take off from their roachy lair on race day, James Smith for a moment doubted the team's ability to make it to the Plaza, much less the whole course. That year, they missed out on the Grand Championship, but took first place in the Corvallis race.

In 2013, following the end of the world predicted by the Mayan calendar, the team reimaged the sculpture as the Postapocalyptic Cockroach, presenting a battered, rustier version that went on to

win in Klamath Falls.

The team redesigned again in 2014, emerging as Drilling for Glory, an ersatz earth-moving machine with a large painted styrofoam drill out front. The rig was pared down to about 2,000 lbs., pilots included — "a ton of fun," quipped James Smith. The team clinched the Grand Championship for a second time that year, and then again in 2015, scoring back-to-back victories.

But their biggest victory last year, to hear the team tell it, was getting to give back and help their mentor Beidleman out of a jam when his wheel "tacoed," folding in on itself. The Fugitives, having just upgraded their wheels from the standard 26-inch bicycle size to 29-inchers, was able to provide Beidleman with spares. "Our parts were interchangeable with his," said James Smith, "since we basically copied his design."

The Tempus Fugitives believe in payback and paying it forward. This year, they have been sharing their central articulation technology with another team. Older racers, including Beidleman and Flatmo, have dubbed them the next generation, said the team, and they're working hard to carry the torch set ablaze by their predecessors.

To that end, they have themselves spawned the next generation — both literally and figuratively — as the Smith kids, Nadia,

11, and Everett, 8, spearhead the Kinetic Bandit Society, a team of forest animals comprised of Kinetic orphans like themselves who spend their springs doing their homework in the shop and their summers travelling to races.

Now in their eighth year racing, the team has again reimaged themselves, right on schedule, as the Tempus Fugitorium, a stylized *vardo* (Romani wagon) that the team describes as "a travelling collection of curiosities," "spellbinding, intriguing" and "unique." The chassis is roofed in wood slats this time, and as the team interview wrapped up, various members were discussing how and where to attach curtains.

There's more to the race than just speed and endurance, sculpture and engineering, though, and the team has also been gathering since January to make some spectacular bribes to delight judges, volunteers and race dignitaries (though not this incorruptible reporter — yet). Pit crew member Jessica Davis pointed out that part of their race philosophy is just to create art and to give art, creating joy for other people.

The Tempus Fugitives are acing again this weekend; "that's how we roll," said Sarah Smith. Be prepared for them to tear up the course in the Tempus Fugitorium. But you'll miss them if you don't get to the race in time.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MAY 25	THURSDAY, MAY 26	FRIDAY, MAY 27	SATURDAY, MAY 28	SUNDAY, MAY 29	MONDAY, MAY 30	TUESDAY, MAY 31
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	5:30 p.m. NBA in May	9 p.m. Tarrus Riley	7:30 p.m. FLOW	5:30 p.m. <i>Surf's Up</i> (2007)		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. The Getdown	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. 707	9 p.m. DJ Pressure Anya	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. Edge of the West	9 p.m. • A Very Wonderland Costume Ball	7 p.m. • Humboldt NORML meeting	11 a.m. Musical Yard Sale 9:30 p.m. Family Matters			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp	9 p.m. The Velvet Touch	9 p.m. Club Triangle		9 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. More VibeZ	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata			7 p.m. Jason Hall Trio	7 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	8 p.m. Live Turtle Races		9 p.m. Lone Star Junction		6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. RLA Trio	6 p.m. Fred & Jr.	6 p.m. • Redwood Ramblers	6 p.m. Souldful Sidekicks	all day Show & Shine		6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		7 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass	8 p.m. JED	8 p.m. The Undercovers		6 p.m. Bluegrass Jam	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. Opera Alley Cats		2 p.m. DJ JDub	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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LITERACY PARTNERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE The Early Literacy Partners Program recently held their end-of-year celebration honoring volunteers and community partners, above, who support youth each week in the areas of reading and math. This program is part of the Decade of Difference Initiative designed to support youth to become contributing members in our society, community and economy. Community volunteers interested in getting involved can contact Cherie Czgczenko at (707) 445-7007.

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BANKERS BACK BUSINESS ED.



BIG DIFFERENCE Umpqua Bank, represented by Commercial Banking Manager Evelyn Giddings and Greg Bowen, VP, Credit Solutions for Northern California recently presented Heidi Moore, coordinator of Decade of Difference and Gary T. Eagles, superintendent of Humboldt County Schools, with a big check in the amount of \$5,000. The funds benefit the Decade of Difference Innovate! Business Challenge [see below].

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SWEET & SPICY Eureka Natural Foods store manager Ray Markland, left, recently presented a check in the amount of \$513.20 to the Rising Stars Foundation. The amount represents the proceeds from the sixth annual Salsa Competition's "Most Marketable Salsa." The winning salsa, "Cha Cha Char Salsa," was created last fall by students from South Bay School with their mentor chef Michael Maschmeier. Eureka Natural Foods produced and sold the salsa through the holidays, with a commitment to donate 100 percent of the sales to the nonprofit foundation, which recognizes excellence in local children. On hand to accept their sweet salsa earnings were two student members of the South Bay team, Nate Moreno and Randi Maveety, as well as Rising Stars Director Colleen Toste. The salsa competition is held at the Farmers' Market on the Arcata Plaza in October. humboldttrisingstars.org/events/salsa-competition

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STUDENT INNOVATORS REWARDED

BIG BUSINESS BONANZA Student innovators were awarded with big checks in the INNOVATE! finals.

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HUMBOLDT – Five Humboldt County high school students competed in the INNOVATE! Business Challenge Finale with over \$8,000 in prize money and over \$3,000 in media services awarded to support the development of their businesses. The finale was held Thursday, May 19, when over 120 people attended to hear about the students' concepts and encourage their efforts.

The INNOVATE! Business Challenge is a competition designed to promote entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation. In Phase One, high school students

from across the county were challenged to create business start-up ideas and submit 60- to 90-second video-based elevator pitches. Judges reviewed and scored all the videos to select 40 top ideas which moved into Phase Two.

These 40 semi-finalists were challenged to develop viable business models, identify their target markets and calculate how to make their ideas profitable by answering 13 key business plan questions. Judges were tasked with selecting five student projects to present in a "Shark Tank-like" experience as they competed for cash awards. Local experts volun-

teered at workshops and mentored the students in the process of their future start-ups. Mentors provided advice on product development, branding, target customers, preparing balance sheets, determining margins and pricing strategies.

The finale was an impressive evening of high-caliber presentations highlighting innovative and viable business concepts. The evening began with a Meet and Greet for the Finalists to introduce and network their ideas with the guests.

Each finalist then had a 15-minute window to pitch his/her idea and answer questions from a

panel of five judges, including Greg Bowen, vice president of Credit Solutions for Northern California at Umpqua Bank; Rosa Dixon, co-owner of Natural Decadence; Mary Keene, founder of Cypress Grove; Steve O'Meara, owner of Kokatat and Tom Tellez, owner of Wallace & Hinz.

In the end, Alejandro Ramirez, a freshman at Fortuna High School, won with IMPRYM Brand Clothing, a streetwear-style clothing line. He won \$2,500 in cash and a \$1,200 media package.

The remaining four concepts were runner-ups and received funding:

- Blaine Bryant of Fortuna High – Bryant Welding: \$2,125 cash and \$700 media.

- Henry Wotherspoon of Eureka High – Fly By: \$1,625 cash and \$700 media.

- Enrique Lopez of Ferndale High – Enrique Lopez Photography: \$1,000 cash and \$700 media.

- Patsy Frage and Jack Ruby of Arcata High – Carnival Bakery: \$1,000 cash.

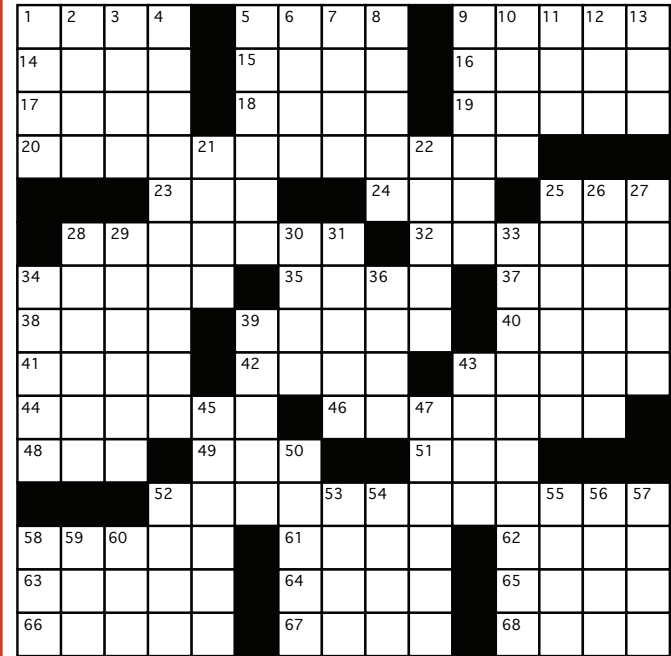
For more information, contact Karen Brooks at (707) 445-7563, kbrooks@humboldt.k12.ca.us, or visit decadeofdifference.org.

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- ACROSS**

 - Swirling waters
 - Location
 - Prickly bush
 - Refuses to
 - Louise or Turner
 - Source of news
 - Away from the weather
 - Drug dealer's prey
 - Great distress
 - William Tell's gear
 - __ tai
 - Yang's counterpart
 - TV manufacturer
 - Foot support
 - Aristotle's forum
 - Vision
 - Storm
 - Race loser
 - Crucifix letters
 - Reduced
 - Neat as __
 - __ down; resign
 - Asian nation
 - Velocity
 - Piece of playground equipment
 - Examiners
 - Linear measures: abbr.
 - Canine curer
 - Swiss river
 - Cross-stitches
 - Shady spot
 - 1958 Pulitzer-prize winning author
 - Woman's name
 - Breaks
 - Portable beds
 - Word with deer or eye
 - No longer fashionable
 - Formerly
 - Hans Christian Andersen, for one
- DOWN**

 - Q-tip
 - "Sport of Kings"
 - Once more
 - Fulton's inventions
 - Photographer's milieu
 - Tower city
 - Oddity
 - Linger
 - Muscular
 - Shabby clothing
 - Words of commitment
 - German article
 - __ Rogers
 - Cartoonist Thomas
 - Lubricated
 - Farming machine
 - Marie and Pierre
 - Fix
 - Suggested
 - Sees eye to eye
 - Pack too full
 - 1/24, to a jeweler
 - Accompanied as a tour guide
 - Wimp
 - Tierney, for one
 - Strength
 - Slay with a dagger
 - Unwilling
 - Wiseest
 - Tiny amount
 - Beer ingredient
 - Mr. Stravinsky
 - Fishing items
 - Canadian province start
 - Actress Moran
 - Mall event
 - Cleo's downfall
 - Ribonucleic acid, familiarly
 - Undergrad goals, for short



Solution on page B5

The weekly crossword is brought to you by **KINETIC KOFFEE** Organic, fresh, local and available at Eureka Natural Foods, Murphy's Markets, the North Coast Co-op and Wildberries!

Black Dog Appreciation Month takes off at the Kinetic Grand Championship

Black Dog Appreciation Month continues through Tuesday, May 31, though the shelter is closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day, so don't wait to come find your new best friend!

We have been highlighting the male dogs, so now here are a few of the female black dogs.

The longer resident in this group is Little Foot. We would call her a Pocket Pit-tie, as she is a small version of a Pit Bull terrier mix.

She came in very shy but, with all the encouragement from her volunteer friends, has blossomed into a confident little dog. She loves to snuggle up and would love to have a person all her own to shower with affection. Little Foot is about 3 years old.

Lightning is one of our newer black dogs. She is about 2 years old and lives up to her name in terms of her running speed. We think this dog may actually have Greyhound in her

mix, based on her slender build, deep chest and ability to fly across the play yard! Best guess would have Border Collie as the other ingredient in her make-up.



DOG TOWN Mara Segal

Lightning is an affectionate young dog who knows come, sit and shake and will offer her paw in friendship to any new people she meets. She is enthusiastic but not out of control at all. This dog would make an excellent

running partner for some lucky person.

Our newest available black dog is the beautiful and gentle Raven. Raven is a 2-year-old Labrador Retriever mix. She was very shy at first but is quickly learning how fun it can be to get out for walks and time in the play yard! Shelter staff didn't even recognize her as the same dog after a few days in the Adoptable wing.

This is a nice dog that walks gently on the leash, plays a low key game of fetch and loves to learn new things, especially if



Little Foot



Raven

there are some good treats that come with the training!

All three of these nice girls are spayed, microchipped, current on their vaccinations and available at the Humboldt County Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. The shelter is open Monday through Friday (except for Memorial Day).

More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

In conjunction with the shelter's Black Dog Appreciation Month, Redwood Pals is sponsoring a black dog sculpture in the Kinetic Sculpture race this coming weekend. Look for Sparky, sporting a nice orange "Adopt Me" vest!

Sparky may be accompanied at various times by some of the black dogs that are available for adoption or that have previously been adopted through the shelter or Redwood Pals Rescue. If you have one of those pups, feel free to email us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com to find out where you can join the parade!

Either way, look for Sparky on the plaza Saturday morning and support dog rescue through the shelter and Redwood Pals.

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That’s a Darlingtonia, darling

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

SMITH RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA – About 20 miles upstream from where the Smith River empties into the Pacific, on a plateau above the river’s pristine emerald green waters, there’s a muddy bog populated by a strange, hauntingly beautiful plant called *Darlingtonia californica*, also known as the cobra lily.

The greenish, purple cobra lily is aptly named, as it looks like a cobra rearing its head, about to strike and inject its deadly venom. The plant even has a leaf that looks like a forked-

FEED ME The cobra lily, found in parts of Northern California and Southern Oregon, is carnivorous.

PHOTO BY KIM DURHAM

tongue.

The bog, up a short path off Highway 199 in Del Norte County, is home to thousands of these cobra lilies, which are surrounded by towering pines, lupine and, during a recent visit, blooming azaleas.

But the cobra lilies have a characteristic none of the other plants along the trail have – they’re carnivorous.

If they could eat you, they would, but so far they’ve only evolved to feast on flies and little bugs, which give the lilies some of the nutrients found in short supply in the serpentine soil in which they grow.

Even though the cobra lily looks like it’s about to strike its prey, it actually stands still and lures its victims through trickery and entrapment. A fly will smell a lily’s sweet nectar and enter the flower’s “mouth,” which pro-

vides an opening into the plant’s hollow interior.

The fly looks up inside the plant and sees a bright light shining through the cobra lily’s translucent, bulbous head. The fly propels toward the light to escape, only to discover it’s been tricked.

The struggle continues, as the fly tries to navigate to safety, but the downward-facing hairs inside make escape futile. Eventually, the fly gets tired, drops down into a little reservoir of water below and dies.

The cobra lily then slowly consumes its meaty meal, and awaits its next victim.

The Darlingtonia Trail is located on Highway 199 at milepost 17.9, between Panther Flat Campground and Grassy Flat Campground. The trail is short, about 1,000 feet and mostly flat.

Don’t bet your boat that the goat won’t bloat!

The following is a revised article that was printed in The Arcata Eye several years ago but is applicable today. It is not intended to replace veterinary care; please consult your veterinarian.

What a beautiful spring we just had and it looks like summer will be gorgeous as well! Our fourth-highest rainfall year on record has brought record-breaking wildflower sightings. Allergy sufferers hate it. Wildflower enthusiasts love it.

I even had blue pimpernel show up in the yard this year. Contrary to its more familiar scarlet (orange) cousin, blue is rare in the west and I haven’t seen it here at home in three years. My goats think they hit pay dirt!

Not so rare in Humboldt County is vetch. Vetch is a lovely pink/pur-

ple wildflower in the pea family. It grows pretty much everywhere, especially in fields, and climbs on tendrils.

If you paid attention in your nutrition class, you know that peas are legumes and legumes can give you gas! And gas up your goats too.

Every year, I receive frantic phone calls from friends or their friends asking me what to do. It is usually evening and they just got home from work and, of course, the veterinarian is gone. They call me because, for the most part, between Doggo my Great Pyrenees and myself, we manage to keep our goats alive and well.

So here’s what happens. You leave in the morning and your goat is happily munching on all the lovely lush wildflowers in the field. You come home and the poor goat can’t move, it’s so bloated it literal-

ly looks and feels like it will burst. Its stomach is huge and hard.

In the best case scenario, the goat is still conscious and standing. In the worst, well ... frothy bloat can kill an otherwise healthy goat. What happened and what do you do?

What happened is that Goaty is not used to eating rich legume food all at once. Think what would happen if you never ate a bean or cabbage in your life and then you overate mass quantities of cabbage and beans. The goat — especially if it is a young goat — has not yet built up the stomach enzymes to be able to handle all that potential flatulence!

What to do? Hopefully, Goaty is still standing or you can get it to its feet. Drench the goat with a half pint of vegetable oil. You can add a couple of teaspoons of turpentine to help break up the gas. Use a turkey baster if that’s all you have, and slowly and carefully force the goat to drink.

Rub Goaty’s belly all over and get it moving! Walk your goat, rub its belly, and hope for the best. The worst-case scenario involves a surgical remedy that I am not qualified to share publicly. Ask your vet. It’s not pretty or easy but the goat will die anyway, so at that point you have nothing to lose but to puncture the secret spot and release the gas.

How do you prevent this scenario to begin with? Don’t immediately put your goat into a fresh, lush pasture. Cut small quantities (start with an armload) of vetch and other wildflowers and increase the amount every day until the goat leaves a little. This will allow it to build up the stomach enzymes necessary to accommodate the new diet.

When you are sure it can handle it, then you can turn it loose in his field of dreams and you and Goaty will have many happy years together!

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LATE BLOOMERS The peak of North Coast rhododendron bloom time is mid-to-late April, but some wonderful blooms reach their peak now. The Eureka Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society invites rhody enthusiasts to enter their late bloomers in a mini-show at the **Thursday, May 26** meeting at the Eureka Woman’s Club, 1531 J St. A potluck dinner starts at 6, the show at 7 p.m. To participate in the potluck, call (707) 443-1291 so adequate seating and buffet table space are provided. Those bringing blooms to share but not participating in the potluck should arrive at 6:45 p.m. A few minutes will be taken to provide information on how to judge a bloom, and then all participants will become the judges. There are nine categories: Lepidote species; Elepidote species; hybrids by color (red, pink, white, purple/lavender/blue, yellow/orange/apricot and bicolor) and fragrance. The blue ribbon winner in each of nine categories receives \$25; the best of show, \$100. There is no entry fee, but winners must be members. (707) 443-1291, (707) 443-0604

BIRDING FIELD TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, May 28**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Keith Slauson in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

DUNE CLEAN-UP Help rid the beach and dunes of trash with PacOut Green Team and Friends of the Dunes on **Saturday, May 28**. Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the sixth pull-out as you head south on Samoa Peninsula from the Samoa Bridge. The clean-up begins at 9 a.m. and lasts one hour. (707) 444-1397,

jess@friendsofthedunes.org

ARCATA FOREST WORKDAY The City of Arcata’s Environmental Services Department and the Humboldt Trails Council’s Volunteer Trail Stewards invite you to a volunteer work day in the Arcata Community Forest on **Saturday, May 28** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers meet at 9 a.m. at the upper 14th Street parking lot in Redwood Park, up from the corner of 14th and Union Streets. Participants will remove trash from illegal campsites and do some general trail maintenance in the forest. Please be sure to wear a long sleeve shirt, work pants and boots and bring rain gear and water. Gloves, tools, snacks and beverages will be provided. (707) 825-2163, eservices@cityofarcata.org

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, May 28** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Ken Burton at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds, plants, and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

SLO-SPEED MARSH TOUR On **Tuesday, May 31** at 2 p.m., Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour for those who love the Marsh and want to enjoy seeing it at a slower pace than regular Saturday tours. The tour will last 90 minutes across even, level ground and is suitable to attendees of all ages who want to learn and like camaraderie. Meet leaders John DeMartini and Jane Wilson at the first parking lot on South I Street in from Samoa Boulevard. This tour is held the last Tuesday of each month, come rain, shine, or wind. (707) 826-2359

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